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Don't Let Up!

As the end of the fourth term draws near, we must remember that this is perhaps the most crucial time of our school year. If our marks have not been up to the average, we now have a last chance to redeem ourselves.

This does not mean that those who have high marks should stop working, for we must not "put our hands to the plough and look back". Let us then all strive for our goal, the eighth grade or high school, and take for our motto, "Play the game to the end."

Editor

The Dramatic Club's Valentine Party

On February 15th, the Dramatic Club held a Valentine Party in the play room. Valentine Charades, in which all took part, proved very entertaining. Games, such as Going to Jerusalem and Hill Dill were played. Refreshments consisting of Eskimo pies, cookies, fudge, and heart shaped candies, were served by the committee. Before the party dancing was enjoyed to the music of the victrola.

Dorthy Floyd, 8-G-A

Safety First

*Care is needed in the home,
As well as anywhere,
There's danger in loose matches,
There's a chance to fall downstairs.*

*There is danger at your meal times,
If your food you don't eat right;
There's danger while you're sleeping,
If you shut your windows tight.*

*So there's something to remember,
Each and every day,--
Observe those safety first rules,
As you travel on your way.*

Virginia Carleton 8-G-A

7-L

Miss Lyon's Safety First Committee has been preparing a program to be given later. The committee is composed of six members, and the chairman is Marjorie O'Donnell. The last Safety First program was given by Grant Haskell and it was very entertaining. The letters for each word of Safety First were exhibited, each with a little rhyme to match it. The girls had a short program too, but it was voted that the boys had the better demonstration.

George Magnan

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7-B

The girls of 7-B have won five out of six games in basket ball. We were defeated by 7-C but the next time we play with them we hope to do better.

Lorraine Lamb

Lindy

*Lucky Lindy had a great friend,
On "St. Louis" his plane, he could
always depend,
Oh, what cheery music that old plane
made,
Never going too high nor having to
wade.*

*Over the ocean "We" flew all alone,
Not stopping to fear those dangers
well known;
Over the ocean, weary miles of blue,
All day and night Brave Lindy flew.*

*On the day of days he finished his
flight,
And to dodge the kisses he had to
fight;
Through many countries true Lindy
went,
And homage received as though of
kingly descent.*

*There are many people who would
like to be
As wise and true as the great Lindy;
For any man who could make that
flight,
Is just as brave as the bravest knight.
Ernest M. Crampsey, 8 G E*

8-G-E

8-G-E had a debate in Miss Hazelton's room. The subject of the debate was, Resolved: that Siberia has prospects of a more prosperous future than Canada. Felix Russo was chosen captain for Siberia. John Carleton was chosen captain for Canada. The negative side won the debate.

Emilio De Donato

A Visit to Briscoe

*Briscoe School,
Beverly, Mass.,
March 19, 1928.*

Dear Beth,

Your welcome telegram arrived at ten this morning, and I am certainly pleased to hear that you are at liberty to spend a day with me at Briscoe. In the morning we can pay a short visit to the practical arts and printing shops. This part of the day I know you will enjoy for you will see the boys in this division making practical woodwork projects. From there we will go to the printing shop where all our printing for the school paper, *Briscoe Briefs*, is done. Leaving the shop we can go to the gymnasium. Here the regulation uniforms of middies and bloomers give girls freedom for their healthful exercises. The posture work as well as the regular gymnastics is of tremendous value to the boys and girls.

Then we may stop at the door of the Assembly Hall and hear the Girls' Glee Club rehearsing if it is Monday, but if you come on a Thursday, you will hear a chorus of boys' voices coming from the hall.

After lunch you might enjoy seeing our young cooks and seamstresses at work. If time permits, we might spend a few moments in each class room. In the drawing room you will see painted flower pots and vases, also scenes made by the members of the Art Club.

In a history class we might see a colonial shelf with miniature colonial people and furniture on it. As we pass from room to room we will see a cabinet filled with all kinds

of Italian souvenirs. This is the Italian Museum and it has been made by different pupils who have contributed various articles. Then we might peer into a room and hear a lecture being illustrated by the stereopticon lantern.

We can make our next stop in the English classes. There we might hear talks over the radio or watch some interesting actions given by the pupils. Then across the bridge to the Commercial half of the building. We hear the sound of music and the clicking of the typewriter. We will see that the boys and girls are typewriting to the rythm of the music that is coming from a victrola in the room. Into another commercial room we'll go, and we shall see a scene like that of a business office. These pupils are learning the art of being a business man or woman.

When the day is ended and we start to leave the building, we might see one of our many clubs at work. Perhaps it will be the Math Club working on different graphs, the Debating Club preparing a debate, the Art Club painting vases or flower pots, or it might be the Dramatic Club practicing the play they will present to us on Club Night.

That is the night when all of our clubs get together and show what they have accomplished to the parents and friends.

After telling you all about our school, I know you will be eager to visit us. I hope I shall see you soon.

Sincerely yours,
Elaine Kelleher

8 - C - H

We use the Victrola in our type-writing class. Typing to music helps us to keep even time. Miss Hartshorn plays a record while we write the sentence which she gives us. At the end of the record our papers are corrected.

On March 6, we had an Underwood Expert Typist's Test. We tried to see how many words we could write per minute. Susan Dennis had the highest score, a net rate of twenty seven words per minute.

Clara Robinson

7 - Mc

We make our English period a happy one by having actions. When they are finished, criticisms are heard. We are racing with 7 - B in all our English lessons.

The following people in 7 - Mc have had perfect attendance for the first half of the school year: John Connolly, Elliot Gray, Fred Lewis, Robert Naugler, Rita Birmingham, Jennie Lauranzano, Dorothy Nichols, Esther Salo, Norma Yeaton.

7 - M

The pupils of 7 - M are trying to increase their vocabularies. In preparing their literature lesson they make a list of the words with which they are unfamiliar. The children work together in groups.

They look up the words in the dictionary. Each group then plans a conversation to give before the class using these words. One girl is appointed to keep a record of the pupils who use the new words in any of their classes.

Ethel Hatt

Jokes

Teacher: (after working on compound sentences for half an hour) Is there any one who doesn't understand compound sentences?"

Pupil: "I was absent when you taught them."

Miss Barker: "Name a city near Dresden in Germany, Constance."

Constance: "Lipstick." (meaning Leipzig)

Miss McCurdy: (Pointing to a triplet on the board)

"What is that George?"

George: "A triplet."

Miss McCurdy: (Pointing to two eighth notes on the board)

"What are these notes, George?"

George: "Twins."

7 - B

7 - B is making a miniature copy of the interior of a colonial house. A section of the book case in Miss Lapham's room has been taken to represent a home in the early days of Beverly. It is divided into three parts, kitchen, bedroom, and parlor.

We have already made some colonial furniture such as chairs, stools, benches, a table, and a bed. The kitchen has a big fireplace with a rug in front and some pots near the "fire". The parlor furniture is not completed yet. The work is very interesting.

Evelyn Greenstein

8 - G - Ha

8-G-Ha has established a Citizen Education Club which consists of all our trustworthy people. There are fourteen on the list now, but we expect in a short time to have 100% membership

Josephine Pisani